

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 8TH, 2022

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Daehling, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark and Clerk O'Tool.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and asked those present to join the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then stated the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall for public viewing.

Councilman Beitler brought attention to the council about the traffic on main street and how the traffic can be dangerous. He stated that he had talked to officer Goebel and he informed him that if we put up more U-turn signs that could help with it. Councilman Horne stated that it would have to be approved by the State first. Mayor Brown informed the council that the double yellow line that the state put down is supposed to help with things such as that. Mayor Brown let the council know he would be in contact with the Sheriff and let him know of the concern. Councilman Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the Sheriff's report. Motion carried.

Next to speak was Alise Peraut, she was representing the Historical Preservation Commission. She wanted to give us information on a headstone conservation workshop they are interested in, she wanted to run it by the council because if Red Cloud would be selected it would need to be approved since it would be taking place on city property. She stated that a gravestone conservator would come to town and teach a workshop to volunteers on how to fix gravestones that have been cracked and ones that are not in the best condition. The conservator focuses first on stones for veterans. She stated that the city would need to provide running water, gravel and a restroom. Councilman Daehling made a motion to approve the workshop it was seconded by Beitler. Motion was carried. Alise Peraut will come back to the council if they get selected for the workshop.

Discussion for the city wide clean up was next. R&M gave the date of April 16th 2022. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the date was seconded by Beitler. Motion carried.

Jarrod McCartney was unable to make the meeting but did send his updates. Mayor Brown let the council know they are at a standstill for the welcome signs. We have gotten everything done that we needed to do we are just waiting on Jim Johnson to put the signs in. Due to him donating his time we are unaware of when he will be able to put them in, Mayor Brown is going to be contacting him to get an estimate of when he would be able to finish the signs.

At 7:17 p.m. Councilman Horne made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Cherry Corner Estates Beitler seconded the motion. Motion was carried. At 7:52 Councilman Bryan made a motion to come out of executive session seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. The council let the public know that Michelle Sorenson has stepped down from Cherry Corner due to medical reasons. We are still moving forward with memory care.

Public comments were then opened. Mark VanBeber was present and wanted to address the code violations he has been seeing around town with having furniture and refrigerators out on the lawn and wanted to know why nothing has been done with it. He also stated that there are RV's parked in the front lawn of houses around town and that is also against city ordinances. Mayor Brown let VanBeber know he will get into contact with the police department and Attorney McCracken will let Patrick Calkins know about the properties as well. Kim Brubaker from the Historical Preservation Commission wanted to talk to the council about raising the amount of money they receive from the city, councilman Horne let her know to come back to the council in August when we are going to be doing the budget for next fiscal year.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for December received in February was \$23,575.86 compared to \$29,058.12 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the claims. Motion carried. These will be listed in full at the end of the minutes.

Next on the agenda was Superintendent Clark. He gave us a general update, he stated that we have completed the 90 day disinfection period and we are no longer chlorinating the water at this time. Notices have been sent to the paper for summer help for the pool and the city. Councilman Horne brought up that he has received some complaints on the condition of the park, Superintendent Clark said that he will look into it. Clark let the council know that they are going to be moving a building from the high school to the elementary school and a new weight room will be added to the high school in the upcoming future. Lindsey Rodriguez got a permit and is putting up a Fence.

Attorney McCracken stated that he had sent Attorney Calkins the nuisance reports. Horne made the motion to have Attorney McCracken send out more nuisance letters, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. The properties of 221 S. Cedar St, 205 S. Cedar St, 336 N Elm St and 137 N Walnut St can be removed from the Nuisance list.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Resolution #758 for a lot split between Yost and Kennedy, Bryan seconded it. Motion carried.

Under Old Business the council discussed the nuisance properties. Councilman Horne is going to have Sharron from SCEED come and talk to the council at the next meeting to talk to us about there program for cleaning nuisance properties.

In new business Mayor Brown let the council know that the exercise equipment that was approved from last meeting has arrived and has been set up. Councilman Daehling brought up in light of recent events in Ukraine he wondered what the original Cold War Civil Defense protocols were for the city of Red Cloud in regards to any public fallout shelters and Geiger counters that might be available. He had contacted Ron Sunday the Webster County Emergency Manager as well as the county commissioners to work on a collaboration effort to update a new modern day version of protocols that the city and county as a whole could implement together in a worst case scenario event. Councilman Daehling will bring more information to the next council meeting.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Horne to enter in executive session for one employee review at 9:20 pm. Motion was carried. Daehling made and the motion and was seconded by Bryan to return to regular session at 9:35pm. Motion was carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to accept the raise as discussed. Motion carried

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 9:36 pm. Motion carried.

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| Total salaries | 26,146.03 |
| Principal- Dental insurance | 454.59 |
| Verizon- Cell Phone | 40.83 |
| R&M Disposal- Trash Collection | 12,938.50 |
| State income tax- 2/15 payroll | 511.93 |
| Nationwide- 2/15 payroll | 1,617.57 |
| Medicare- 2/15 payroll | 473.54 |
| Social Security- 2/15 payroll | 2,024.92 |
| Withholding – 2/15 payroll | 1,148.76 |
| Webster County Court- Garnishment | 332.89 |

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| One call concepts- Line Locates | 10.38 |
| Nebraska Dept. of Environment & Energy-Swimming pool permit | 40.00 |
| Petty Cash- Computer work, postage | 107.84 |
| Monica Schmitz- Contract Labor | 750.00 |
| BCBS- Health insurance | 216.45 |
| The Lincoln National life ins.- Life insurance | 147.12 |
| Aflac- Insurance | 208.31 |
| BCBS- Health insurance | 8,305.63 |
| Nebraska dept. of Revenue- St. income tax penalty | 100.00 |
| Postmasters- Postage for utility bills | 258.50 |
| Cherry Corner- Cherry Corner Assistance | 6,289.86 |
| Withholding- 3/1 payroll | 972.25 |
| Social Security- 3/1 payroll | 1,793.74 |
| Medicare- 3/1 payroll | 419.52 |
| Nationwide- 3/1 payroll | 1,435.69 |
| Webster County Court- Garnishment | 332.89 |
| WAPA- Purchased power | 6,389.46 |
| Terri Eberly- Mileage | 143.91 |
| State Treasurer-Dog license fee | 62.50 |
| Baker & Taylor- Books | 438.32 |
| Better Homes and Garden- Subscription | 18.00 |
| HGTV Magazine- Subscription | 39.97 |
| Mid Rivers- 911 Contract | 350.00 |
| Suez/Utility Service Co.- Quartey Payment | 4,830.95 |
| Eakes- Paper, soap, tape & calendar | 115.34 |
| Auld Public Library- Books & Subscriptions | 18.61 |
| Municipal supply inc. – Parts for water leak | 214.41 |
| Good Housekeeping- Subscription | 29.97 |
| GumDrop Books- Books | 185.71 |
| Anstine fire equipment- Service, Maintenance, fire extinguisher | 420.00 |
| Great Plains Communications- Phone/ internet | 1,012.33 |
| MEAN – Purchased Power | 86,933.29 |
| Presto-X- Pest control | 44.94 |
| Eakes Office Solutions- Notary Stamp | 30.45 |
| JEO consulting group- Permit Renewal | 5,411.25 |
| Auld Public Library- Reimbursement | 96.27 |
| Red Cloud VFD- City Dad's Reimbursement | 1,063.50 |
| Municipal Supply inc.- Freeze kit tool | 656.25 |
| Electric- To bond and interest | 2,000.00 |
| Sewer- To CM sewar reserve | 625.00 |
| Water- To CM water reserve | 625.00 |
| Heritage Bank- Loan Payment | 731.98 |
| Hometown Leasing- Lease contract | 136.64 |
| Patrick Calkins- Attorney Fees | 75.00 |
| Various- Business ins. Transfer | 6,598.28 |
| General- To police fund | 3,295.72 |
| Mike Clark- Phone Bill | 44.00 |
| Joe Hersh- Phone Bill | 44.00 |

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| Rick Hitchler- Phone Bill | 44.00 |
| Dalton Long- Phone Bill | 44.00 |
| Various- To officer salary | 1,431.24 |
| Various- To economic development | 981.96 |
| Various- To general | 2,426.49 |
| Webster County- Sheriff Contract | 3,854.29 |
| Various- To historic preservation | 618.75 |
| Various- To board of trust | 416.67 |
| Black Hills Energy- Natural gas service | 3,128.41 |
| Hawkins- Chlorine | 144.45 |
| WAPA- Purchased power | 5,574.87 |
| Kenny's Hardware & Home Center- Fasteners, screws, locks etc. | 743.94 |
| Platte Valley Communication- Radio | 1,022.25 |
| Cardmember Services- Oil, lights, floormates, chlorine etc. | 722.45 |
| Core & Main- Handheld repair | 492.22 |
| Cooperative Producers Inc.- Fuel, antifreeze, fuel filter, hose | 677.61 |
| J&A Auto Supply- Disconnects, sealant, break clen etc. | 152.98 |
| Landmark Implement- Hose, power washer | 717.46 |
| Barco Municipal Products- Barricades for streets | 1,272.81 |
| Sunset Pool Supplies- Pool Chemicals | 9,182.48 |
| Aramark- Towel, rug and uniform service | 794.66 |
| C&D service center- Fuel line, hose clamp, ball bearing etc. | 307.81 |
| Bobcat of Salina- Frost teeth | 206.82 |
| Olson Enterprises LLC- Fuel, tire repair, mud flap, 1994 chevy repair etc. | 1,964.71 |
| Total Monthly Expense | 226,709.12 |